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*U.S. Serial No. 10/616,030*

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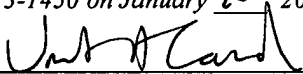
**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** Strait  
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**Title:** BEARING ASSEMBLY SPACER ADJUSTABLE SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR ADJUSTING A SPACER

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**Examiner:** Eric B. Compton

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

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**REQUEST FOR PTOL-85 – PART(B) FEES TRANSMITTAL**

Dear Sir:

Applicant received a Notice of Allowability and Examiner's Amendment, dated March 30, 2004, relative to the above-identified patent application. The Notice of Allowability required Corrected Drawings in response to the Examiner's Amendment. A response to the Notice of Allowability was due to be filed on or before June 30, 2004. A PTOL-85 – Part (B) Fees Transmittal was not a part of the Notice of Allowability.

A response to the Notice of Allowability, with corrected drawings, was timely filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 28, 2004.

On November 29, 2005 Applicant's undersigned attorney filed a COMMUNICATION REGARDING STATUS OF PATENT APPLICATION, via facsimile, with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. A copy of the Communication is attached hereto for the Commissioner's convenience as **Appendix 1**. The Communication requests that a Notice of Allowance be issued relative to the above-identified matter, and includes copies of the March 30, 2004 Notice of Allowability (Exhibit A of Appendix 1, along with a applicant's response as timely filed on June 28, 2004 and received in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 1, 2004 (Exhibit B of Appendix 1).

On January 9, 2006 the Commissioner of Patent issued a Supplemental Notice of Allowability relative to this matter, a copy of which is attached herewith as **Appendix 2**. A PTOL-85 – Part (B) Fees Transmittal was not a part of the Supplemental Notice of Allowability.

As the original Notice of Allowability was issued approximately twenty-two months ago, and Applicant has yet to receive the Notice of Allowance from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, applicant respectfully requests that the Notice of Allowance and PTOL-85 – Part (B) Fees Transmittal be issued and forwarded to applicant's undersigned attorney so that the issue fee relative to this matter can be paid.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the issuance of a Notice of Allowance and PTOL-85 – Part (B) Fees Transmittal, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below.

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